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TO: All Field Stations  
FROM: Confidential Funds Branch  
SUBJ: Allowances, Interpretation

1. The following interpretation has been made of the Standardized Allowance Regulations concerning the payment of Post and Quarters Allowances where husband and wife are both employed by the U. S. Government at foreign posts:

2. In accordance with Section 3.61 of the Standardized Allowance Regulations, husband and wife both working for the government receive a combined quarters allowance not in excess of the maximum "with family" rate prescribed for the one in the higher group classification, If the husband is in the higher group classification, he may be granted the entire allowance, in which event the wife would be granted no quarters allowance. If both are contributing to the rental expenditure, the allowance may be apportioned accordingly.

3. For post allowances - the regulations consider each employee individually, regardless whether husband and wife, each, are eligible to receive a post allowance at "without family" rate, if there are no members of the family at the post. In the case of another member of the family, for instance a child, the husband usually is granted the "with family" post allowance on behalf of such member and the wife a "without family" rate as an individual employee. No additional allowance for the child as prescribed in Section 9.4c may be granted under the "with family" rate in the case of one child as Example 1 of that section would apply.

4. The above interpretation is effective as of the pay period including 2 January 1949. It is requested that a review be made of all personnel at your station and that this Headquarters be notified of the names of all in-

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dividuals falling in this category, the date or dates during which both husband and wife were employed, and the name of the other employing government agency, if any.

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